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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS CITY OF JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE

Minutes of the Meeting of March, 2014

The Board of Zoning Appeals held its meeting on March 11th at 9:00 a.m. in the City Commission Chambers of the Municipal and Safety Building.

Members Present

Staff Present

Dr. Mike Marchioni, Chairman Dwight Harrell Jenny Lockmiller Jamie Povlich Steve Neilson, Development Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes

The Minutes of the February 11th meeting were considered for approval.

MOTION: Harrell To approve the minutes of the February 11th with minor

corrections.

SECOND: Povlich

VOTE: Approved 3 - 0

Case Number 779-1

Mr. Neilson stated that this was a request for special exception approval to construct a 100 foot tall alternative tower structure. The petitioner is Verizon Wireless and the property owner is Mr. Frank Anderson. The property is zoned R-4, Medium Density Residential District.

Mr. Neilson indicated that the petitioner is proposing to camouflage the alternative tower to look like a pine tree. He then showed pictures of other tower structures that the petitioner had constructed. He stated that there were no cell towers within a mile of the proposed site. The construction plans indicated that the structure could support up to a total of four users. A site plan has been submitted indicating setback distances, height of the proposed structure, materials, and color.

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He stated that the petitioner met the conditions for special exception approval and then recommended approval of this request.

Mr. Ralph Wyngarden representing the petitioner spoke in favor of the request. He indicated that the surrounding trees in the area were tall and that the proposed branches proposed tower structure would be installed below the existing tree line.

MOTION: Harrell To approve the special exception request.

SECOND: Lockmiller

VOTE: Approved 3-0.

Amendment to the Rules and Procedures

Mr. Neilson stated that at the request of the City Commission, the Board agreed to move the BZA meeting time to the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm. Mr. Neilson indicated that required an amendment to the Rules and Procedures. He stated that the Board could remove the language all together or they could simply change the date and time. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed it was better to leave the date and time in the text.

MOTION: Povlich To amend the Rules and Procedures to change the meeting time and

date to the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm.

SECOND: Lockmiller

VOTE: Approved 3-0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

APPROVED:

Dr. Mike Marchioni, Chairman Board of Zoning Appeals